Coal Research Work at RRL, Jorhat

3661. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what si the difficulty to bring the research work on coal in North East under the RRL at Jorhat; and

(b) whether the Minsitry would develop the RRL at Jorhat further for different research works, including the coal research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) There are specialised CSIR R&D laboratories for providing S&T development of specific commodities *viz.* Central Drug Reseach Institute (Drugs & pharmaceuticals); Central Food Technological Research Institute (Food); Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (Glass & Ceramics); Central Leather Research Institute (Leather); Central Fuel Research Institute (Coal); Indian Institute of Petroleum (Petroleum) etc. Over the years the laboratories have developed excellence in R&D pertaining to their specialization. This does not preclude other R&D establishments from seeking/undertaking R&D of value under locale-specific conditions to complement the efforts of the specialised laboratories. Accordingly, the RRL at Jorhat is interacting with the CFRI for specific R&D programmes on coal of value to the North East. CSIR has been generously supporting R&D at RRL Jorhat including that on coal, further support is to be programme based.

National Youth Policy

3662. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Youth Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting of the representatives of Youth Organisations has been convened to discuss the Youth Policy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?